

Office of Alaska At-Large epitomizes what it means to be an effective caseworker, capable public servant, and loyal staffer. She has mentored her fellow staff, gained the admiration of colleagues across agencies, and earned the gratitude of countless constituents. Some of Mrs. Petty's most memorable successes include aiding constituents faced with urgent needs such as passports and visas, assisting Alaskan families as they navigated naturalization, and helping servicemembers overcome bureaucratic hurdles in order to receive the benefits they have earned.

Mrs. Petty's lengthy career of service which spans 50 years, including in the Armed Services, as a civilian federal employee, and as staff with the United States House of Representatives, proves that Mrs. Petty's values and work ethic are deeply held. Some of those values and work ethic could be witnessed by anyone brave enough to show up to the office before 7:00 a.m., or unwise enough to shirk a task they had promised to complete. Though never a slouch, Mrs. Petty has always been known to be a fan of a good office prank. Her good nature and humor will be missed by her colleagues, who all wish her the very best as she looks forward to her upcoming retirement.

Catherine Petty served Congressman Young and the House of Representatives for 16 years. On behalf of the institution she has so well served, all of the constituents in Alaska she has helped in the name of the boss over the years, and as a former Congressman Don Young staffer myself, I say thank you to Catherine for a job well done and may God bless her.

REMEMBERING MS. CARLA MEIER

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Ms. Carla Jacqueline Meier of Troy, Michigan, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Carla Meier was a devoted mother, fierce progressive activist, and beloved friend and mentor to many, and will be truly missed by all who knew her. Carla's work passionately defending women's rights and advocating for environmental justice are just two examples of the many causes she put her efforts into to serve her community. Michigan's 11th Congressional District lost a true champion for progressive causes, and the entire Nation owes thanks to Ms. Meier for dedicating her life toward fighting for these issues.

Carla Meier was born on January 10, 1947, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to loving parents, Charles and Margaret Meier. She spent her childhood in Ohio with her beloved sisters, Nancy Meier Kronick and Deborah Meier, before making Troy, Michigan her home as a young adult. Upon settling in Troy, Ms. Meier began her career as an administrative assistant. Ms. Meier excelled at everything she committed herself to doing. Through her hard work and strong intuition, she quickly advanced professionally, eventually ascending to the role of advertising executive. While forging ahead with her successful career, Carla also managed to raise two children and cultivated her reputation as a skilled baker and social activist.

Activism was a key component of what made up Carla Meier. Growing up in a time when women were frequently considered less capable, Carla was dedicated to women's rights and worked to invalidate this misconception. Rather than pursuing a leisurely retirement, Carla opted, instead, to pour herself even more into her advocacy work. The intelligence, passion, and skills that led her to a successful career were also critical to her efforts to create a more just society. The world that Carla sought included equality for the LGBTQ+ community, the dismantling of racist institutions, inclusiveness for marginalized peoples, economic reform to aid social welfare, among many other common-sense progressive ideals. Many of these causes were championed by Carla through her work with the Michigan Democratic Party, serving the Justice Caucus, Michigan's Ninth Congressional District, Oakland County Democratic Party, and the Troy Democratic Club. In each of these organizations, she made herself invaluable as a volunteer, mentor, and leader.

Ms. Meier's legacy continues through her children, Dave Inabnitt (Cary Burt) and Leah Meray (Ryan), and through her beloved grandchildren, Winona and Lyda. Although she was considered by some as a "rabble-rouser" who was never afraid to speak her mind and challenge the status quo, she was also known to be incredibly kind and gracious. Carla touched the lives of many with her exuberant personality, acquiring many close friends throughout her life who miss her. Her family and friends fondly recall her organization skills, silliness with her dogs, long stories, remarkable memory, creative Halloween costumes, collection of flashy cocktail rings and her flawlessly beautiful handwriting, among many other things. It is clear that Carla Meier lived a life of purpose and passion, inspiring many to continue her work to make the world a better and fairer place.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Carla Meier was an incredible servant to the community and her loss has been felt by so many who adored her. I am proud to be one of those who have earned Ms. Meier's support, friendship, and mentorship. The memory of Carla Meier inspires me to work every day to ensure that the progress led by these remarkable women is protected and continued by Congress. I ask my colleagues to please join me in remembering the life of Ms. Carla Meier and her many contributions toward fighting for a more just society.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHERRY HUT OF BEULAH, MICHIGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Cherry Hut of Beulah, Michigan. Throughout its century of business, the Cherry Hut has served up delicious homegrown cherry products to the people of Benzie County and beyond, and has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

In 1922, James and Dorothy Kraker established the Cherry Hut as a roadside stand

along Crystal Lake's north shore, where they sold homemade cherry pies. In 1937, the stand moved to its current location off US 31, where its success prompted its expansion into a restaurant. Throughout its long history, the Cherry Hut has been in the hands of only two families, the Krakers and the Cases. Despite additions to the menu over the years, the restaurant continues to use Dorothy's original cherry pie recipe, whose timelessness has kept guests coming back for generations.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Beulah's Cherry Hut for a century of service to Benzie County. It should take immense pride in the great impact it has had on the county and the indelible memory it has left on so many Michigan families. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish it all the best in its future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DEER RUN DAIRY'S COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Deer Run Dairy for receiving national recognition for their comprehensive approach to sustainability.

The farm's recognition is part of the 11th Annual U.S. Dairy Sustainability Awards from the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy. These awards aim to recognize dairy farms, businesses and collaborative partnerships that demonstrate a strong commitment to continuous improvement in the area of sustainability, as well as a commitment to informing others on the advancing approaches to dairy sustainability.

Deer Run Dairy originated in 1984, when the Ducat family purchased the property along with 70 cows. Step-by-step, they worked to expand the farm and eventually combined their operation with that of Dale Bogart, who shared similar goals. The Ducats and Bogart spent three years searching for the ideal space to combine their operations and grow. In 2007 they did just that; and in the Fall of 2008, they started milking 750 cows at Deer Run Dairy. Today, they milk approximately 1,650 cows and manage 2,500 acres, along with being a leading advocate for sustainability in the dairy community.

Deer Run Dairy faces unique challenges related to having shallow soil and being in close proximity to Lake Michigan. The Dairy has met these challenges through implementing conservation farming practices that build healthy soils and protect waterways. One example of this is their firm belief in the use of cover crops, in which they achieved their goal to seed 100 percent of their cropland by the fall of 2021.

Through the use of an anaerobic digester, they also reduce pathogens in manure by a thousandfold. The digester produces useful byproducts, such as animal bedding and nutrient-rich fertilizer, and was also converted to produce renewable natural gas for the transportation market. Additionally, they use minimal antibiotics, conduct feeding trials to reduce methane gas production in the rumen of their cows, cross-ventilate their barns with

fans that conserve energy; and they host field days to show off these practices in action and share the benefits of sustainability. As a demonstration farm within the Door and Keweenaw Demonstration Farm Network and leader in the Peninsula Pride Farms producer-led group, the farm hosts field days to exhibit these practices in action and share the benefits of sustainability.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Deer Run Dairy on receiving the Dairy Sustainability Award and for all their efforts in advancing sustainable agriculture.

HONORING LARRY AND GINNY
HELMS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Pastor Larry and Ginny Helms' 50th wedding anniversary, and 50 years in ministry.

Pastor Larry and Ginny got married in Dell City, Oklahoma on August 19th, 1972. They began both their marriage and ministry at that time, as Pastor Larry established his first church in October of 1972 at the age of 20.

They pioneered three churches: Praise Temple in Littlefield, Texas—Church on the Way in Lawton, Oklahoma—and Joy Fellowship in Victoria, Texas.

The Helms' traveled all over the country to spread God's word. Even traveling to numerous countries overseas, including El Salvador to teach bi-annually for three years—as well as short term mission trips in Guatemala.

In 1992, in an extraordinary act of unity, the Helms' moved from their pastorate at Joy Fellowship to join their ministry efforts with Pastor Jim and Tamara at Faith Family Church.

They've served the past 30 years in various capacities at Faith Family Church and continue to inspire those around them, including with their self-published book entitled *Transformed Mind: Transformed Life*.

It is a privilege of mine to recognize a husband and wife with an unbreakable bond and an unshakable passion for ministry. Happy 50th Anniversary to Larry and Ginny Helms.

HONORING BUDDY ARRINGTON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Buddy Arrington, a native of Martinsville, Virginia, who died on August 2, 2022. He was a popular racecar driver who throughout his career did things his way.

Mr. Arrington was born on July 26, 1938, in Franklin County, Virginia, to Love Glenwood Arrington and Louise Walker Arrington. He began his NASCAR career as an independent driver and owner in 1964. A mechanic at a Chrysler dealership at the time, he continued to drive Chryslers and Dodges even when they were less associated with racing. He

bought used equipment from Richard Petty, supported his racing with other jobs, and had a volunteer crew to keep his number 67 on the track.

In 560 Cup Series races, Mr. Arrington finished in the top five 15 times and in the top ten 103 times. His best finishes were third at Nashville Speedway on July 31, 1965, and at Talladega Superspeedway on May 6, 1979. At the latter race, driving a Chrysler bought from Richard Petty, he led until the pit crew left a gas can attached, requiring him to stop again and costing him first place.

Mr. Arrington retired from racing in 1988. Although his 560 Cup races without a win are the second most by a driver, he later said, according to the Martinsville Bulletin: "If I was 24 years old, and I started racing today, and I knew what I'd just done, I would do the same thing I just did, even if I knew I wasn't going to win a race. I'd keep on going and keep on trying, and we made a bunch of fans over the years."

Among Mr. Arrington's survivors are his wife, Patsy Ann Chitwood Arrington; son, Joey Rogers Arrington; stepson, Todd Arrington; brother, Jimmy Arrington (Marie); nephew, Ronnie Arrington; niece, Angela Arrington; step-grandson, Danny Goad; and step-granddaughter, Amber Arrington. I offer my condolences on the loss of this proud independent racer.

HONORING CAROLYN SAXTON,
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OF LEGACY FOUNDATION,
UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to honor Carolyn Saxton and to wish her well upon her retirement from her position as President and Chief Executive Officer of Legacy Foundation. For her lifetime commitment to philanthropic efforts throughout the region, she is to be highly commended. Carolyn will be honored at a retirement celebration taking place at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center in Merrillville, Indiana, on Friday, August 19, 2022.

Throughout her career, Carolyn has served in numerous capacities in the not-for-profit arena and has been a certified fundraising executive since 1992. Among her many noteworthy leadership roles, she served as executive director for Community Hospice in Ashland, Kentucky, the Oak Park—River Forest Community Foundation and the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City.

In 2014, Ms. Saxton became President and Chief Executive Officer of Legacy Foundation, Lake County's community foundation. Throughout her tenure, she led multiple fundraising initiatives and secured millions of dollars for several important philanthropic projects and grants throughout Northwest Indiana. The foundation has been responsible for more than \$30 million in grant disbursements across the region and manages nearly \$50 million in as-

sets in Lake County. Under Carolyn's leadership, Legacy Foundation has received numerous prestigious awards including the Secretary's Award by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Foundation of the Year Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northwest Indiana Chapter, to name a few. Those who have worked with Carolyn can attest to her unwavering commitment to the foundation's standard of excellence, as well as her enthusiasm for community investment and improvement.

Carolyn's dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and her career is exceeded only by her devotion to her beloved husband, Bill, her children and her grandchildren. I am sure she will be enjoying quality time with her family in the years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Carolyn Saxton for her outstanding leadership and in wishing her well upon her retirement. For her remarkable contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, Carolyn is worthy of our gratitude and praise.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MICKEY GANITCH

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Mickey Ganitch.

Mickey was born in Mogadore, Ohio and moved to California in 1939. On January 21, 1941, he joined the U.S. Navy and began attending boot camp in San Diego, California. He became a quartermaster, responsible for navigation and steering the ship. When he was stationed at the USS *Pennsylvania* at Pearl Harbor, the Japanese attacked on December 7, 1941. Mickey described how during the attack, a 500 pound bomb missed him by about 45 feet.

Later on, Mickey went to the Philippines and Okinawa. While in Okinawa, his ship was hit by a Japanese torpedo. In 1948, the ship he was working on was found to have unsafe levels of radiation and he was assigned to the USS *Mt. Katmai*, an ammunition ship. Mickey retired from the Navy in October 1963. When Mickey returned to Oakland, he worked in a bowling alley and as a fishing net manufacturer. He went on to work security for the Alameda Naval Station until 1996.

Mickey was passionate about serving the veteran community. He was involved with a wide variety of veteran and military groups including the Fleet Reserve Association, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, and was a volunteer at the Oakland VA clinic.

Sadly, Mickey passed away this Spring at the age of 102. He was a beloved member of the veteran community and he will be missed. Please join me in honoring his service to our community and to our Nation.